

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR THE MEAGHER COUNTY/MARTINSDALE WATER AND SEWER  
DISTRICT**

March 26, 2007

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**PROJECT:** The Meagher County/Martinsdale Water and Sewer District has identified the need to upgrade its drinking water system's raw water sources, treatment facility and transmission mains. The purpose of this water infrastructure project is to bring the Meagher County/Martinsdale Water and Sewer District into compliance with the United States Safe Drinking Water Act and the State of Montana Public Water Supply laws and to supply safe drinking water to residents of and visitors to the Meagher County/Martinsdale Water and Sewer District service area.

**TO:** All Interested Government Agencies and the Public

As required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the proposed project by the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office and by the Montana Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Office.

<b><u>PROJECT NUMBER:</u></b>	XP-97833801-0
<b><u>EPA GRANT:</u></b>	\$ 485,500
<b><u>USDA/RD LOAN:</u></b>	\$ 131,000
<b><u>USDA/RD GRANT:</u></b>	\$ 130,100
<b><u>CDBG GRANT:</u></b>	\$ 378,430
<b><u>BAIR GRANT:</u></b>	\$ 75,000
<b><u>BAIR GRANT:</u></b>	\$ 102,000
<b><u>LOCAL FUNDS:</u></b>	\$ 24,800
<b><u>TOTAL COST:</u></b>	\$1,326,830

The proposed infrastructure project for the Meagher County/Martinsdale Water and Sewer District consists of development of a second spring water source and construction of a new disinfection facility with a telemetry unit, a 200,000-gallon storage tank, construction of a new transmission main from the existing spring water source, and replacement of existing transmission mains with new mains of larger diameter. The system will also be sized to provide adequate fire flows for the Town of Martinsdale. The project is proposed to be funded by a Special Appropriations EPA Grant and the federal and state grant/loan programs listed above.

Impacts to environmentally sensitive characteristics such as classified land use, cultural resources, wetlands, floodplains, threatened or endangered species, and water quality were considered. None of these environments are expected to be adversely impacted as a result of the proposed project.

The review process did not indicate that significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an EIS has been made. This action is taken on the basis of careful review of the engineering report, environmental information documents, and other supporting documentation. These documents are available for public review at the following location:

Montana DEQ  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
P.O. Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration to:

Gary J. Wiens, P.E.  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
P.O. Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901

After evaluating the comments received, DEQ will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after release of the Finding of No Significant Impact

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Todd Teegarden, Chief  
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau